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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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No. S. B. D. 988

Section I, Special Branch Station

REPORT

Date May 22, 1940.

Subject William Charles Smith - Letter from S.P.O. Consulate-General

Made by D.S.I. Logan. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

With reference to attached letter dated 11.5.40, from the Passport & Registration Office, British Consulate-General in reference to William Charles Smith, a photograph of this individual was obtained and shown to the Chinese watchman on duty in Lane 1376, Yu Wuen Road, who stated that he recognized it as being that of a man who lives with a Chinese girl in House 18 of Lane 1376 and not House 36, as stated in Special Branch report dated 29.4.40. According to the watchman, Smith is a frequent visitor at House 36 but has not been seen in the alleyway for about a fortnight. Several of the houses in Lane 1376 are occupied by Chinese girls who are kept by foreigners. A visit was paid to House 18, Lane 1376, by D.S.I. Logan on 16.5.40, when a Korean woman who resides there was questioned but she refused to give any information about the occupants. According to the Chinese watchman in the Lane, this woman is also kept by a foreigner who frequently visits the house. Enquiries at House 36, by D.S.I. Logan also met with a refusal to give any information concerning the occupants.

It would appear certain that Smith has

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been residing at House 18, Lane 1376, but whether
he still resides there is unknown and all efforts
to obtain further information concerning him have
been without success.

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PASSPORT & REGISTRATION OFFICE,
BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 259,
SHANGHAI.

11th May, 1940.

Dear Mr. Yorke,

Your will doubtless remember that you kindly gave me the address of one William Charles Smith (see your letter D 9988 of the 29th April).

I have written twice to ask him to call and my last letter of May 2nd, has been returned undelivered (see the accompanying^x envelope).

I wonder whether you would be so good as to let me know whether Smith is still at this address. Once again many thanks for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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R.W. Yorke, Esq.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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PASSPORT & REGISTRATION OFFICE
BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL
P.O. BOX 259.
SHANGHAI.

2nd May, 1940.

Dear Mr. Yorke,

Thank you for information contained
in your letter D 9988 of the 29th April, regarding
W.C. Smith.

I am asking him to call and see me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of the British Consul-General, written in ink.

R.W. Yorke, Esq.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

Handwritten initials, possibly 'R.W.', written in ink.

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Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated April 12th, 1940, I forward herewith a copy of a Police report regarding one William Charles Smith.

Yours sincerely,

R. D. J.

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H.B.M. Consulate-General,

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S. 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 29, 1940.

Subject. William Charles Smith (British) - Letter from H.B.M. Consulate-

General enquiring whereabouts of.

Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

With reference to the attached letter, dated April 12, 1940, from the Passport and Registration Office, British Consulate-General, enquiring the whereabouts of William Charles Smith (British), aged 53, former employee of the Shanghai River Police, enquiries revealed that this person resides with a Chinese dancing girl in an upstairs back room of House 36, Lane 1376, Yu Yuen Road. Smith leaves the house every night at 11 p.m., together with the dancing girl and returns at 4 or 5 a.m. the next morning. He is stated to be connected in some way with the gambling dens in the Western District but in what capacity is unknown. Mr. Vivian Lenoise, referred to in Mr. Cox's letter, was unable to give any useful information concerning Smith's whereabouts and it was with considerable difficulty that he was located, hence the delay in submitting this report.

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).



PASSPORT & REGISTRATION OFFICE.
BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 259.

SHANGHAI
MUNICIPAL POLICE
12th April, 1940.

B. D. 7988

Dear Mr. Yorke,

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether a certain William Charles Smith, a British subject, aged 53, has returned to Shanghai.

He was originally a "River Constable" and gave his address c/o Shanghai River Police, but the last address I can trace is in 1935 Lane 166, 47 East Kashing Road.

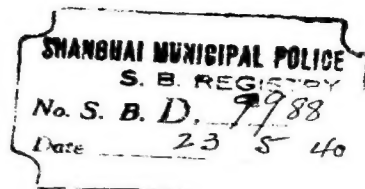
He has two sons, John Rich aged 14 and Robert aged 15 both of whom are being kept by charity, and I have been informed that the father has returned to Shanghai and is living with a Chinese woman address unknown. My informant states that another British subject, Mr. Vivian Lenoise, living at 681, Szechuen Road and clerk of works, Shanghai Waterworks, may possibly be able to assist.

Again many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

R.W. Yorke, Esq.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated May 11th, 1940, I forward herewith a ^xcopy of a further report regarding the whereabouts of one William Charles Smith.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. J.

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[Signature]

A. T. Cox, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.



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PASSPORT & REGISTRATION OFFICE
No. S. B. D. 778
BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL
Date O. BOX 259
SHANGHAI.

24th May, 1940.

Dear Mr. Yorke,

Thank you for your letter D 9988
of 23rd May, regarding William Charles Smith.

I am sending another registered
letter to the amended address and will see what
that brings forth before taking any further action.

Yours sincerely,

R.W. Yorke, Esq.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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